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Credentials of representatives to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Ebenezer **Appreku** (Ghana)

1. On 15 June 2010, the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, on the proposal of the President, a Credentials Committee consisting of the following eight[1] States parties: Australia, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Finland, Ghana, Hungary and India.

2. The Credentials Committee held an organizational meeting on 15 June 2010, during which it elected Mr. Ebenezer Appreku (Ghana) as Chairperson by acclamation.

3. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 16 June 2010. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 16 June 2010, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement supplementing the memorandum regarding the inclusion of those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum. A revised memorandum by the Secretariat, reflecting the supplementary information, was circulated to the members of the Credentials Committee.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 69 States participating in the twentieth Meeting of States Parties: Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica,

[1] One nomination from the Asian regional group had not been received.

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Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twentieth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 44 States participating in the twentieth Meeting: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritania, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Togo, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum, would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> *The Credentials Committee*,
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> *Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 16 June 2010, as supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat dated 16 June 2010,
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> *Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.